

# Agency 58 - State Board Of Examiners Engineers & Arc

## Statutory Authority:

Statutory Authority: Nebraska Statutes Sections 81-3401 to 81-3455, The Engineers and Architects Regulation Act.

## Vision Statement:

The Board of Engineers and Architects will assume a leadership role in safeguarding the life, health, and property of the people of Nebraska with respect to the practice of engineering and architecture. The Board envisions a unified design profession to serve and protect the public, and will strive to create a legal climate in which the professions can excel and which is consonant with the laws of other states and nations. The Board recognizes that the professions of engineering and architecture are an essential factor in economic development, as an incentive for technological organizations to locate in Nebraska.

## Mission Statement:

The Board's mission is to safeguard life, health, and property where the practice of engineering and architecture is involved. This is accomplished, in large part, by assuring that the education, experience, and examination of those who practice qualifies them to serve the public. In addition, the agency exists in order to ensure the enforcement of Nebraska Statute Sections 81-3401 through 81-3455, which apply to the licensure and practice of architects and professional engineers.

## Goals:

A strategic planning retreat was held on August 10, 1999. The primary strategy of the Board for the next three to five years will be 'Enforcement through Education and Investigation'. Methods of accomplishing this goal will include:

1. Education of the public and the professions on requirements of the Engineers and Architects Regulation Act;
2. Development of investigatory methods to aid in enforcement of the Act;
3. A new graphic identification for the Board; and,
4. Legislative initiatives in response to emerging realities. Privatization of the agency remains a goal carried over from the Board's May 29, 1996 planning retreat.

## Financial Data:

	Actual FY00	Approp FY01	Request FY02	Recom FY02	Request FY03	Recom FY03
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	373,473	414,968	428,047	435,546	467,018	459,339
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## Program 082 - Enforcement Of Standards

### Program Objectives:

**Desired Results:**

1. Minimal practice complaints; 2. No unlicensed practice; 3. No license suspensions or revocations; 4. No more staff than is necessary; 5. Maintenance of a strong law; 6. Deterrence rather than prosecution; 7. A simple and meaningful continuing education program (beginning 1/1/02); 8. Increased automation of renewals and payments.

**Strategies:**

1. Maximum use of informal hearings as education; 2. Heightened awareness of a strong law; 3. Use of the newsletter and the web; 4. Increased use of office technology; 5. Continued retainage of legislative liaison; 6. Recognition of continuing education programs in other States.

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### Performance Measures:

License Units include Engineers (5,354), Architects (1,567), Certificates of Authorization (974), Temporary Permits (44), and Emeritus Engineers and Architects (227) for a total of 8,166 as of 7/1/00. In FY92/93 the unit cost of services was \$43; In FY94/95, \$40; In FY98/99, \$40.

Description	FY00 Actual	FY01 Current	FY02 Request	FY03 Request
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$373,473</b>	<b>\$414,968</b>	<b>\$427,447</b>	<b>\$466,418</b>
<b>License Units</b>	<b>8,166</b>	<b>8,410</b>	<b>8,650</b>	<b>8,900</b>
<b>Cost per License Unit</b>	<b>\$45.75</b>	<b>\$49.34</b>	<b>\$49.42</b>	<b>\$52.41</b>
<b>Complaints</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Suspensions / Revocations</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Informal Hearings</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>